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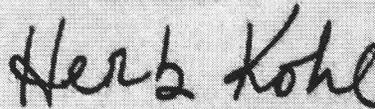
Dear Mr. Callisto:

I am writing to request your assistance in helping a Wisconsin constituent. Enclosed please find a copy of the correspondence I received.

Any assistance you could provide in responding to these concerns would be greatly appreciated. Please respond directly to my constituent and send a copy to my office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Herb Kohl
United States Senator

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February 10, 2011

Ms. Char Zehfus
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We have been asked by Senator Herb Kohl to respond to your concerns regarding the newer automated meter reading meters, commonly referred to as "smart meters." These meters allow meter readings without entering a customer's residence and eliminate the need to estimate meter readings.

Regulation, licensing, and safety of radio frequency equipment rests with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC is required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to evaluate the effect of emissions from FCC-regulated transmitters on the quality of the human environment. The smart meters used by both of the utilities that serve you, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) for electric service, and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) for gas service, comply with FCC safety standards.

The Sensus FlexNet electric meter that WP&L uses to serve you transmits data lasting less than 4/1000ths of a second, once every four hours. The Aclara Technologies natural gas meter that WPSC uses to serve you broadcasts for less than one second every six hours. Utility personnel from both utilities are available to answer any specific questions you may have on these meters. If you would like to speak to someone from WP&L, please contact Rick Potter at (608) 458-3965. If you would like to speak to someone from WPSC, please contact Kevin Kolb at (920) 451-3733.

Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0809, electric utilities determine the type of metering equipment to be installed and its location. As approved by the Public Service Commission (Commission), WPSC's Service Rules, in Section 31, gives the company the right to modify, change, or exchange its facilities on the customer's premises.

We appreciate your concerns in this matter but have no basis for the Commission to require the utilities to take any further or different action with respect to the meters serving your property.

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If you have any further questions on our agency's jurisdiction, please contact Terri Kosobucki at
(608) 267-3595.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Robert Norcross
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